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In re Patent No. 5,467,122 : DECISION ON PETITION
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(e), filed March 24, 2008, to accept the unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The patent issued on November 14, 1995. The second maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from November 14, 2002 through May 14, 2003 or with a surcharge during the period from May 15, 2003 through November 14, 2003. Accordingly, this patent expired on November 15, 2003, for failure to timely remit the second maintenance fee.

In the present petition, petitioners showed that the delay in paying the maintenance was unavoidable. Additionally, petitioner paid the appropriate maintenance fees, surcharge and petition fee. Accordingly, the petition is granted. The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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